

### REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the decision on petition in the above identified application.

With the present Amendment, as suggested by the Examiner, the relationship between the parent application and the present application has been specified by amending the specification to make cross reference to the parent application serial no. 09/284,399 filed on June 1, 1999, now U.S. patent no. 6,505,377 of January 14, 2003.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be

helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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